

House Resolution No. 4474

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Louise Cordell Bruns, a treasured resident of St. Clair, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred Third Birthday on November 1, 2008, with a festive celebration to be held at the St. Clair Nursing Center; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Bruns came into this world in Franklin County on November 3, 1905, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Claude Ralph and Jennie Maude Cordell, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Elizabeth embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved William Arthur "Art" Bruns, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world; and

Whereas, a school teacher for more than twenty-seven years who was named the Franklin County Retired Teacher of the Year in 2002, Elizabeth Bruns is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with the Franklin County Historical Society (Charter Member), Phoebe Apperson Hearst Historical Society, St. Clair Historical Museum, Public School Retired Teachers Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, 4-H, St. Clair Garden Club, Cove Farm Club and County Extension Club, and the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce, from which she earned the Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Bruns has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her four children, William Arthur "Bill" Bruns, Jr., Cordell John Bruns, Mary Moore Bruns Vieten, and the late Joseph Bruns; and her eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandchild ; and

Whereas, now one hundred three years young, Elizabeth Bruns faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Elizabeth Bruns as she proudly celebrates one hundred three years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Elizabeth Louise Cordell Bruns, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4474, adopted October 27, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker